

### Grade 4 Music (March 2016)

Music is enjoyed and appreciated through songs, games, and creative movement. Concepts we have been working on include keeping a steady beat versus rhythm, dynamics, and tempo. Students have also been working on reviewing and reinforcing rhythms that use Tah (quarter note), ti-ti (eighth note pairs), quarter rests, and tica tica (sixteenth notes). Students have practiced singing harmony through rounds and using ostinatos (repeated musical pattern). Students have been practicing reading music on a staff in preparation for our keyboard unit.

Since the last report card all students have participated in preparing and performing in our Christmas concert. Some of our favourite songs this term are: *Land of the Silver Birch (partner song)*, *Kookaburra (round)*, *My Bonnie*, *Jailhouse Rock (Elvis)*, *Categories*. Students have also learned how violins are made.

It is my hope that through an active and varied approach to music the students will develop a deeper awareness and appreciation which will enhance their school experience and enrich their lives!

If you have any questions or would like to speak with me, please feel free to stop by at Parent Teacher.

Sincerely,

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